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Dear Dr. Sonneborn,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter sent to Preer,, in hopes that you might have some comment. Admittedly even the kinetic data asked for might still be indecisive, but if the multiplication of kappa were not certainly first order autocatalytic, especially at low kappa concentrations, the autonomy of the plasmagene might be hard to maintain (in our minds). Since I have not noticed any place where this assumption was examined closely in deriving the enumeration formulae, I simply wondered whether the question were still open.

Thanks again for a remarkable "show" at Chicago.

Yours sincerely,

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